

REMARKS

This amendment is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, which permits entry of amendments after allowance and before payment of the issue fee, upon recommendation of the primary examiner.¹

The specification has been amended in order to correct minor informalities noted upon Applicant's review in order to clarify Applicant's invention. In particular, the specification has been amended to replace the term "code" with "cord." No new matter has been added.

The present Amendment also amends Claims 1 and 5 to be consistent with the changes to the specification, discussed above. These changes are consistent with Applicants' figures and specification, and is thus not believed to raise a question of new matter.

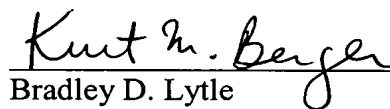
Furthermore, the proposed amended claims are not believed to require additional search or examination because they merely clarify Applicants' invention and thus further define the scope of already allowed claims. In other words, the proposed amended claims are not believed to be patentably distinguishable from the present claims. Because the present claims are allowed, the proposed claims are believed to be allowable.

¹See MPEP 714.16.

Based on the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendment is needed for proper protection of the invention, and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the office. Entry of this amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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